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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

THE WAR IN VIRGINIA.

Further Details of Thursday's and Friday's Battles.

THE ENEMY GAINED OUR REAR, BUT GRANT MOVED FORWARD.

Heavy Fighting Yesterday at Spotsylvania.

SECRETARY STANTON'S WAR BULLETINS OF YESTERDAY.

The Very Latest from Gen. Grant up to 11 A. M. Monday.

Our Loss Very Heavy—15,000 Wounded at Fredericksburg.

DEATH OF GEN. SEDGWICK AT SPOTSYLVANIA.

LATEST FROM THE JAMES RIVER.

RUMORED CAPTURE OF FORT DARLING.

Ben. Butler Reports Progress Yesterday.

BEAUREGARD WORSTED IN AN ENCOUNTER.

The Railroad South of Richmond Out.

THE WAR IN ARKANSAS—LATEST FROM GEN. STEELE.

Little Rock and Pine Bluff Invested.

GENERAL WASHBURNE'S LATE ORDER AT MEMPHIS.

GEN. SHERMAN'S MOVEMENT

Details of His Grand March—Important Rumors.

The War in North Carolina—The Rebel Ram Bank.

THE WAR IN VIRGINIA.

The Grand Movement on Richmond.

WAR DEPARTMENT BULLETINS.

WASHINGTON, May 10, 1864.

To General Dix:

A dispatch from Gen. Sherman, received at midnight, states that we are fighting for the possession of Rocky Face Ridge, and that Gen. McPherson took Snake Creek Gap, and was seven miles from Resaca this morning. On Saturday the rebels were forced from Tunnel Hill by Thomas, and took position at Buzzard Roost, just north of Dalton. This is represented as a very strong position, which Thomas was unable to drive them from on regular assault. Reinforcements have been sent from the direction of Dalton. This will place McPherson, with a strong Corps, in the enemy's rear, while Thomas advances upon the front and Schofield closes on the flank from Cleveland. Probably a great battle was fought on that line yesterday, and may be now in progress.

(Signed) E. M. STANTON, Sec'y of War.

WASHINGTON, May 10—1.30 p. m.

MAJ. GEN. DIX: I forward a dispatch this moment received from Gen. Butler. It tells the story. (Signed) E. M. STANTON.

HEADQUARTERS BERM BRIGADE, LANDING, May 9, 1864.

To Edward M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

Our operations may be summed up in a few words. With 1,200 cavalry we have advanced up the Peninsula, forced the Chickahominy, and safely brought them to our present position. These were colored cavalry, and are now holding the position as our advance towards Richmond.

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Lieutenant General Grant will not be troubled with any further reinforcements to Lee from Beauregard.

(Signed) R. F. BUTLER, Major General Commanding.

To Gen. Dix, New York:

Nothing since my last has been received from Grant or Butler.

(Signed) E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

THE VERY LATEST.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—To Gen. Dix: Dispatches have been received this afternoon from General Grant, dated at one o'clock yesterday.

The enemy have made a stand at Spotsylvania Court House.

We have had some hard fighting, but no general battle had taken place there. The army is represented to be in excellent condition and with ample supplies.

Gen. Morris and Gen. Robinson are wounded. No other casualties in general officers are reported.

Gen. Dwight has been placed in command of Sedgwick's corps.

Gen. Grant did not design to renew the attack to-day, being engaged in replenishing from the supply train, so as to advance without it.

(Signed) E. M. STANTON.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Gen. Sedgwick was killed yesterday in a battle at Spotsylvania Court House. This is official.

FROM JAMES RIVER.

WASHINGTON, May 10—4 p. m.

A dispatch from General Butler to Secretary Stanton, dated the 9th, says:

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[To the Associated Press.]

Fighting commenced yesterday (Monday) morn, and continued till night, between Gen. Hickman's brigade and several other brigades under General Baldy Smith.

Gen. Beauregard commanded in person during the fight.

Our forces drove the enemy back three miles, nearly to Petersburg. We hold the railroad between Richmond and Petersburg.

Gen. Kautz's cavalry succeeded in destroying some portions of the Petersburg and Weldon railroad at Hickford, and captured many rebel prisoners.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Only about 10 men of the 6th Vermont and 5 officers remain.

Gen. Seymour just from Florida is a prisoner.

His brigade was outflanked and broken. He man fought more gallantly or bravely, but it seems that he was unfortunate with his troops.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—A messenger from Spotsylvania Court House, yesterday morning, states that Hancock was compelled to retire on the Spotsylvania road until he was joined by Burnside, when he held his ground. On Sunday morning the battle was renewed, and we drove the rebels to F. O. River, and on the 7th the whole rebel army was retreating, and by night had been driven in every direction. This morning we put artillery into play, and when our massings for heavy canonading was going on.

It is believed that Lee will make a stand on the North Anna River.

In the three days operations we captured about 8,000 prisoners, and lost about 12,000 killed, wounded and prisoners.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The *Star* says: A messenger got in last night from the army, who left Spotsylvania yesterday at 11 o'clock. The fight was going on at Spottsylvania Court House. We held the place at that hour, and Lee gave evidence of being weakened by calling back the Pickets and men, and placed them in the fortifications and stockades along the railroad between Alexandria and the Rappahannock. With the remaining twenty-two thousand he followed after the main column under Grant, making reconnoissances to the North to see that Lee did not dispatch any considerable force toward the city of Washington. Grant crossed the Rappahannock and opened the fight on Wednesday. Burnside, instead of halting, pressed hard after Grant, and by a forced march of 25 miles reached the field of battle on Thursday evening. The next day he went into the fight with his corps of Reserves with all the dash and bravery that signalized Marshal Ney, at the head of Napoleon's Old Guard. His promptitude and rapidity saved our lines from a terrible disaster on several occasions on bloody Friday. All honor to the heroic patriot, Burnside!

Maj. Gen. John Sedgwick.

The severest loss to our Potomac Army since the movement commenced on Tuesday of last week, is the death of Major Gen. John Sedgwick, commander of the 6th Army Corps. He fell on Monday, while gloriously fighting at the head of his command. Gen. Sedgwick was born in Connecticut, we think in 1815. He graduated at West Point in 1837, and was appointed 2d Lieutenant of the 2d artillery. In 1838 he was promoted to a 1st Lieutenancy; and brevetted Captain for gallantry at Contreras and Churubusco, where he had command of his company. He was highly distinguished for his conduct in the battles of Molino del Rey and Chapultepec, and for attacks on the San Cosme gate, where he was again in command of his company, and for his gallantry in those engagements was brevetted Major. He was commissioned Captain in 1845, and in March, 1855, promoted to be Major in the 1st cavalry. On the 25th of April, 1861, he was appointed Colonel of the 4th cavalry, and on August 31st, Brigadier General of volunteers. He was subsequently placed in command of the upper Potomac, when that country was invaded. In February, 1862, and during the Chickahominy campaign, he had a detachment of Gen. Sumner's (2d) army corps. He was commissioned Major General of volunteers, July 4, 1862. At the battle of Antietam Gen. Sedgwick was severely wounded and carried off the field. On his recovery in June, 1862, he was assigned to the command of the 6th army corps (Burnside's). At the first battle of Fredericksburg, under Burnside, he commanded the 6th, and bore a most conspicuous and gallant part in the assaults on Marye's Heights; and at the battle of Chancellorsville, under Hooker, his gallantry and daring were even more conspicuous than at Fredericksburg. He was then, for a time, commander of the Potomac army, and changes made in the various corps, in consequence, he resigned the 6th, and was in command of it when he fell.

Gen. Sedgwick was never married. A plain, unassuming gentleman, a little above the medium height, there was something about the man that commanded universal respect. He was a hard rider, proved in a hundred battles, he was beloved by every one soldier he ever to be, by his men who marched and fought under him, and had the cool, calm and clear orders in dire emergencies. In his habits he was a man of simple and unostentatious tastes as Gen. Grant. He never claimed or received attributes there above those of the common soldier. His cost was always on the extreme plain, and the crisis of an engagement, always in the hottest of the fight, Gen. Sedgwick was a brave, true, and a noble gentleman, a true-hearted patriot, an honest man.

FROM CAIRO AND BELOW.

Gen. Washburne puts a Stopper on Rebel Intercourse with Memphis.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CAIRO, April 10, 1864.

The steamer Tulu, Memphis, Capt. Dan Rosecrans, arrived this evening, with a large load of passengers, bringing Memphis dates to yesterday (Monday) afternoon. Everything was quiet along the river.

Col. Price, of the Confederate army, nephew of Gen. Sterling Price, arrived in Memphis on Sunday evening, in the character of a prisoner of war, having been captured a short distance below Hernando, Miss., while on a visit to some relatives.

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All the blacksmiths of Memphis have been excused from military duty, the Government requiring their services at their trade.

The following order has been issued by General Washburne:

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF MEMPHIS, TENN., MEMPHIS, TENN., May 10, 1864.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4.

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I have undoubted evidence that large amounts of cotton have been and are being brought here to be sold belonging to the rebel Government. The past and present system of trade has given strength to the rebel army, while it has paralyzed ours and weakened our own. It has invited the enemy to hover around Memphis as his best base of supply when otherwise he would have abandoned the country. It renders of practical no effect the blockade upon the ocean, which has cost and is costing so many millions. It opens our lines to spies of the enemy and renders it next to impossible to execute any military plan with out its becoming known to him long enough in advance for him to prepare for it. These facts are known to every intelligent man in Memphis. What is the remedy for these great and ever-endangering evils? Experience has shown that there can be but one remedy, and that is total prohibition of all commercial intercourse with Memphis. It is therefore ordered that from and after the 15th day of May, 1864, the lines of the army at Memphis be closed, and no person will be allowed to leave the lines of the Memphis army, nor to come into these lines, after that date, except by permit from these headquarters. After that date all persons desirous of coming into the city will be permitted to do so, but should be notified by the guard that they will not be allowed to return.

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By order of Major General C. C. WASHBURNE.

Wm. R. Strong, Major and Adjutant.

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THE NEWS.

The latest from the exciting theatre of war in Virginia is to noon of Monday, when the armies were skirmishing and engaged in an affair of date at Spotsylvania. General Grant's very brief dispatch gives a good account of the morale of the army, but, sad to relate, does not seek to brighten the grave aspect of the struggle. He will press forward and lay in his troops unhesitatingly. He has lost, we know, several generals, prominent in the country. The reports are very heavy. There are now of our wounded at Fredericksburg, in charge of the Potomac is still pressing upon Lee. Grant will succeed, or in his attempt the army will be destroyed.

From Gen. Butler the news is direct, up to yesterday, and looks well. A foothold has been gained, and the rebel lines below Richmond cut. Everything in this latter movement is contingent to Grant's success, and his victory over Lee would be made the more complete and crushing by the nether efforts at Bermuda Hundreds.

For much this, dispatches have been telling us country that the rebel strength in Virginia was weak. If any reader of the Tribune believed it, it has been despite our warning. Now the accounts say it was a case of surprise in what numbers the rebels were poured forward. Read in connection elsewhere that they are driving in Lookless, and hear threatening to shout our positions in Arkansas, and then be prepared for what must come, a call for fresh troops. The first duty of the North is to turn out the three months levies under the temporary call for 100,000. Measures must be prompt and effective whether of fresh national call for armies must be made. We can hardly escape the necessity. We may likely regret it was ever postponed.

The account of the terrible fighting in Virginia on Thursday and Friday is attended by some difficulty and uncertainty. Dating at [illegible] and wounded already reported, and lists still incomplete. The opposing colors were ranged against each other with unusual skill, and the fall of leaders of note falls have fallen heavily on the Union side. Generals Wadsworth, Hayes, Shaler, and Generals Jones and Jenkins, rebels, were killed. Generals Getty, Gregg, Crane, and Webb, Federals, and Generals Longstreet, Pegram, Pickett and Hunter, rebels, were wounded. Longstreet was previously reported killed, and there is a rumor that he must survive.

Latest news from Albemarle Sound announces a gallant achievement by the U. S. gunboat Sassacus, in the sinking of the Albemarle off Plymouth, just out of the Roanoke. The rebels are sort happy in their [illegible].

Gen. Washburn, at Memphis, has hit the nail on the head, and harmed the rebel cause more than a defeat in the field, by a new decree of such intercourse, which will fall heavily on cotton buyers and speculators.

Gen. Sherman is well at his work, and but that the crisis in Virginia absorbs first attention, the country would watch with breath. Gen. Sherman is now in the heart of Georgia. It will not do to forget that from a disaster in Georgia will come momentous results to the situation in the West.

When a reliable gentleman cite Cairo correspondent that the rebel army in Arkansas is beginning to be uneasy, we know it is not, we confess to a feeling of resentment against the ingratitude on our common cause. Here in Steele, who comes back from his Camden expedition better off than when he broke at his heels, and is now well nigh round in Little Rock. Our force in Texas, that is in the same situation, and this rebel gentleman coolly bids us rejoice in rebel consolation. Well, we are thankful. It is to demoralization, that the morale of rebel army is not perfect, else would our forces, worsted Arkansas, or they did in Lake Providence as active command without calling him away from St. Louis. When vile dispatches cease to provoke the people of the North that we have a foe who will not to be disposed. We gain only transfer by unsuccessful contests. Our [illegible] Sam Gaty, Banks is to the 5th inst. in replacement list of fresh casualties is given in our former naval losses, the rebels, with the guns captured from Banks, having destroyed our more transports on the river between Alexandria and Red River. This is serious as for Banks's water communications, and it could ill too sadly that his troubles are not yet over. His army still occupies a defensive position at Alexandria. The condition is a most meaningful affair.

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THE SITUATION.

The voluminous dispatches from all sources published within the last two days in the Tribune, give an correct view of the situation as can at present be communicated. The news is, of course, not full, nor from official sources except in a secondary degree. It will be meager for some days. After a short it will take several days for the colonels to do anything and for others to get to the front of the danger; and for this cause we do not understand the storm to be yet over. We have had a heavy gale with thunder and lightning which threw some wrecks, but the clouds are not dispersed.

It will be noticed that we hear next to nothing of from Grant himself, which shows that the Lieutenant-General has yet work on hand, and considers nothing so far advanced toward completion as to be in condition to report.

As we have been frequently misled in studies made by the first bulletins, especially from the Potomac army, there may be with some a doubt as to how much is to be believed in the present case. But we see no reason to think any doubt is to be had on the success of the recent movement.

That so many soldiers, and those in the accounts, so far as they go, is reasonable, from several considerations. They come for one thing, from a great number of points and materially outflank each other. Then, it has never been Gen. Grant's habit to lie, concerning, we believe, he thinks, his enemies; and as he does not abuse the public confidence himself, others will be slow to do it for him, and finally, it must have got through the brain of the War Department by this time, that it is just as well to tell the truth as to place us in a position the public for a week with bloodhounds, to be obliged to swallow them all at the week's end. We apprehend, therefore, that the public need not fear a repetition of the sort of stories which were sent out after the battle of Chancellorville last year.

The reason of operations thus far is about this: The advance of Grant across the Rapidan was on Tuesday night of last week. There was skirmishing on Wednesday, fighting on Thursday, and on Friday a hard and very general battle. That night Lee drew off, and whether to Richmond direct, or to the South Anna across which to await Grant or another fight, does not appear. Gen. Grant had reached and occupied the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad, including the town of Fredericksburg; and was advancing forward toward the Anna at last advices of this writing.

It does not thus appear that all Gen. Lee's digging across the Rapidan was of any value to him in the contest; Gen. Grant having crossed on his right and so far from his main works as to draw him away from them to the battle. Why Gen. Lee should have suffered him to cross the stream in such security, can be accounted for only upon one of two suppositions. He either must have been mistaken as to time, Grant having advanced a little before he was ready for him, and thus have somewhat surprised him; or he may have thought the tangled woods of the "Wilderness" a better place of resistance than the banks of the Rapidan, and especially as, if he could defeat him there, the recrossing of the river might endanger the whole of Grant's army. A third supposition is possible, viz: That Grant's movement would be upon his left instead of his right; but we hardly think he looked for him in that quarter.

Our readers will see that Grant's movement is so comprehensive, and in such strength at all points, that should it unlucky if from a little reverse still room for it to succeed as a whole. The Confederacy must have a prodigious force in the field to hold it back at all the places upon which it is made to press. We have so faith whatever in the accounts we have been receiving from deserters and others of the small force the rebels have in the field. Lee may have had but 50,000 or 60,000 men with him on the Rapidan, but he has more troops than that within supporting distance. The conscription has been merciless; and though the rebel army may be the equal in numbers to our own, it is still large, and is without doubt "well in hand." But we believe it will find more work than it has calculated upon in attending to all that how demands its attention.

Some of the movements we believe to have been a surprise to the rebels. The crossing up the James River does not seem to have been anticipated by them, though privately understood some time ago to be on foot in well informed quarters. We regret the loss of some of the transports in that region, in claiming special credit for this or that General for this move. It will be time enough to put in that sort of claim when the work is accomplished. The public would just as of anybody else, but would rather wait a little before hearing the title to it vindicated. Merit can always bide its time. The people will hold their breath till more is reported, and only from Tip Ben, but from Chattanooga. But we know Gen. Grant's habit to follow up his successes and have no fear, therefore, but that the well grounded anxiety of the public to hear more will not be gratified.

THE GREAT SANITARY FAIRS.

Perhaps some person has been tempted to ask the question, as during the winter and spring the successive fairs of such large proportions have been held in various large cities, of what use all the gathering of money is for the army, now perfectly healthy, and with only here and there a wounded man in the hospitals? We can begin to see, now that the army has met the enemy face to face in the first clash of arms we hear of ten thousand wounded men, the first installment of which are arriving at Washington.

Gen. Grant is prepared to fight a succession of battles, and we take it, intends to keep them going, if possible, until some thing is determined. Within a month he may fight ten stiff battles, unless sooner defeated, if the enemy is able to stand up under so many. And if each battle should number a loss of 5 thousand, we should have a hundred thousand wounded men, to say nothing of the sick sent to the hospital through the increased exposures of field service. It would be nothing strange if quite a good number of such thousand medical care and nursing within the coming six weeks, whatever the result of the battles or three. We have not before undertaken a campaign where the endowment programme of the whole has been marching and fighting alternately and without question, as at present. Indeed, we doubt our minds to undertake some little special job, like the cutting away of some little twig, or at most a limb of the rebellion; and having accomplished that, or failed in it, as the case might be, we have sat down a month or six months to rest. The idea now is to sit the trunk and the tree; and having spent the whole winter in grinding the axes, and putting up the provisions, and fattening the oxen for its cutting, the whole troop of choppers have gone out, led by lumberman Grant, to have this huge structure to the ground and lying it off.

Thus a multitude of men will come down in a short time cannot admit of a doubt. But if the work is above—if the rebellion gets its death blow—the expense will not be so much, left, though death and wounds are not matters to be trifled with at any time, but it is just as well to convert wounds and death into a short space of time as to spread them over a large one, if so the work which causes them is finished.

In the earlier part of the war this crowding of the sick and wounded into hospitals was attended with a vast amount of suffering from their want of preparation to deal with it. It has taken two years to learn how to do it. The time to get ready for a storm is while the weather is fair, and before the rain is in. The winter and spring has been the time for preparation for the work now in hand. Thus the coffers of the Sanitary Commission, with its affiliated which began in Chicago, and have borne fruit in a million of dollars in New York—so be still continued at St. Louis and Philadelphia, the money will never be wanted. Thousands of lives will be saved by it; and an abundance of comfort will be administered otherwise unknown.

KNOX AND BLAIR.

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THE GREAT CONFLICT.

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WHITE HOUSE, JAMES RIVER, VA., May 5, 1864.

WE ARRIVED YESTERDAY AND THIS MORNING WE CAMPED TO MOVE AND THE ADVANCE.

The fleet was full of excitement last evening as orders were received to be ready to stay at an early hour this morning. The naval portion of the expedition was in readiness to move on shore, but we have heard the military authorities. With being early much sooner than we anticipated, and with a promptness never excelled in this or any other department. A portion of our pontoons were moved up in advance to make a pontoon bridge, and at the same time to present the appearance of assembling the unarmed transports as they came up.

At early dawn the iron-clads, as well as the rest of the fleet, hove up the Pamunkey and started ahead. It was a grand sight, such as one as has never before been witnessed upon those waters. Nearly a hundred vessels, a score of wooden vessels make up our fleet. We expect before the week has ended to be able to do more than conceal the intention of our naval demonstration.

At the time of the publication of this letter it will be our fleet to carry the naval military forces are intended to cover the advance of the army, and protect it from sharpshooters and ambuscades, and those guns will not fail to be of great service. The grasp of the hilt is a statue of the Goddess of Liberty clad to the waist in armor, grasping an enormous sword. Her head is covered by one of the wings of the "National Eagle" which surmounts the whole. This statue is a model of artistic beauty; the anatomy is perfect, and the finish exquisite. The guard is the American flag wreathed and connected by cord and tassel. With the guard-plates, upon which the General's monogram stands out in relief. The whole is of gold, and is solid, as its weight attests to early battles.

Upon the first bend is a representation of the Wounding of Gen. Gidley in the battle of Corinth. He is represented in bold relief as he fell from his horse, pierced through the breast by a minie ball, and supported as he falls by a soldier who was standing near. His horse, at the same time being wounded, is represented in the agonies of death. The scene is well demonstrated by dodge's and a lion's head, emblematic of courage and fidelity under which is Hercules rendering assistance. With the guard-plates, on relief of the upper band are most elaborate and a little.

The second band represents a female figure recording upon a tablet the battles in which Gen. Gidley has been engaged. The lower band of gold, is of a fine design of vary and also a great charge. The blade was made by the Ames Company of Chicopee, Mass., and is quite unique. It is of Damascus steel, and will cut an ordinary sword blade as if it were wood.

Altogether, this is the finest weapon I have ever seen, and if I may believe critics supposed to be competent, is the finest ever made in this country. Nearly every soldier in the 52d Illinois has contributed to it. In some of the regiments it was necessary to limit the subscriptions to twenty-five cents, and yet within the course of a few weeks, whatever the result of his battles or three. We have not before undertaken a campaign where the endowment programme of the whole has been marching and fighting alternately and without question, as at present. Indeed, we doubt our minds to undertake some little special job, like the cutting away of some little twig, or at most a limb of the rebellion; and having accomplished that, or failed in it, as the case might be, we have sat down a month or six months to rest. The idea now is to sit the trunk and the tree; and having spent the whole winter in grinding the axes, and putting up the provisions, and fattening the oxen for its cutting, the whole troop of choppers have gone out, led by lumberman Grant, to have this huge structure to the ground and lying it off.

Thus a multitude of men will come down in a short time cannot admit of a doubt. But if the work is above—if the rebellion gets its death blow—the expense will not be so much, left, though death and wounds are not matters to be trifled with at any time, but it is just as well to convert wounds and death into a short space of time as to spread them over a large one, if so the work which causes them is finished.

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The Republican triumph in the Fifth District at the election held on 3d inst. was caused by the death of Lovejoy, is very whelming. Look at the result:

	Ingersoll's Maj.
Bureau Co.	1,[illegible]
Henry Co.	1,[illegible]
Knox Co.	1,[illegible]
Stark Co.	[illegible]
Putnam Co.	[illegible]
Marshall Co.	[illegible]
Total	5,[illegible]
Peoria, for West	[illegible]
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The vote in the city of Peoria was:

	Ingersoll.	West.
Ward	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Miscellaneous.

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THE CITY.

HANDSOME BRIDGE BUILDER.—There will be no more crossing the river at Randolph street until the new bridge is completed.

The old bridge will almost sure will leave the office, at the corner of State street, every twelve minutes, commencing from Randolph to Madison, thence to Madison to Halsted, to Lake, to the river to Randolph, and be transferred in a minute. In the city to Randolph and Madison.

There will be only one every five minutes on Madison street.

AN ARMED CASE.—Felix Miller was yesterday afternoon charged before Justice DeWolf with assaulting a Bohemian named John Rosh near the Tannery above Chicago avenue. Adjacent to the tannery is a vacant lot of ground over which Miller claims he is driving to his stables, despite the threats of the employees of the factory. Already there have been some pieces cut of the fence, and they intend to prevent it at all hazards. Miller was fined $10 and costs, and Justice DeWolf gave a stay of execution for ten days, pending his appeal from the decision. Mr. Rosh represented defendant as a desperate character, and imposed a fine of $5 and costs.

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THE STORM OF SUNDAY.

A Terrible Gale—Wrecks all Along the Shore—Vessels Dismasted—Property Destroyed in Chicago—Loss of Life—Work of Lightning.

The heaviest weather which for months has visited Chicago and the lakes, and which was brought in on the wings of the storm, was brought in on Sunday. The day had been unusually warm and balmy for the season of the year, and the sun had shone with a clear sky, which certainly gave no indication of a storm. About two o'clock intimations of a storm appeared. At four the clouds, which for the hour preceding had been gathering in the west, began to move, and in a few minutes the sky was overcast with a dark, lowering mass of cloud, which, as it drew nearer, seemed to be tinged with a yellow hue. About half hour later, the wind, which until then had blown from the southwest, suddenly shifted to the northeast, and a tremendous gale arose, accompanied by rain and hail. Business was suspended in the business portions of the city, and in the twinkling of an eye the streets were deserted. The storm was ushered in by a terrible flash of lightning, followed by a crash of thunder, which for the time stunned the people. Every one was thrown into a state of bewilderment, and for a few minutes the storm was at its height. Hailstones, some of the size of a pigeon's egg, fell in quick succession, and for a few minutes the ground was covered with them. The wind blew a perfect hurricane, and the rain fell in sheets. The storm was of short duration, however, and in a few minutes it was over. The sun shone out, and the people began to venture out of their places of shelter. The streets were strewn with the branches of trees, and the gutters were filled with water. The storm was felt in all parts of the city, and in the country. The damage done to property in the city will be considerable, but it is not so great as it would have been had the storm come on a few days later, when the trees were in full leaf. The damage done to the shipping in the harbor was very considerable. The storm was felt on the lake for a distance of about 100 miles from the city, and many vessels were dismasted. The following are the details of the storm:

IN CHICAGO.

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